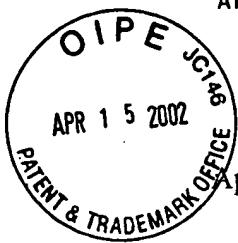


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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application, please find the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (5 pages);
3. Copies of References "AA" - "EG"; and
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Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to the Applicants and/or their attorney to be in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.56 and 1.97(b). Copies of the references "AA" - "EG" are also being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists, nor does it constitute an admission that the cited documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the listed documents as prior art against any claim in the

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Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits; therefore, no fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this disclosure. If, however, a first Office Action on the merits issues in this application bearing a mailing date prior to the date of this Information Disclosure Statement, please charge the appropriate fees as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448.**

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